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1. LET'S TRY ANOTHER TACK. IS THERE ANY LIKELIHOOD THAT BBC MONITORS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN A ROTATIONAL ASSIGNMENT TO SEOUL BUREAU, WITH BBC CONTINUING TO PAY SALARY AND FBIS PICKING UP HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION COSTS? THIS WOULD KEEP THEM IN THEIR OWN CAREER SERVICE AND AT THE SAME TIME GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO EARN A TAX EXEMPT SALARY FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS. IT WOULD ALSO GO PART WAY TOWARD MEETING BBC INTEREST, AS NOTED IN [REDACTED] TRIP REPORT CITING REMARKS BY [REDACTED] IN PERSONAL EXCHANGES.

2. IF BBC CAN SPARE THE MONITOR, IT WOULD GET IMPROVED COVERAGE OF SOVIET REGIONALS AND FBIS WOULD BE SPARED THE SALARY COST.
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